

Board Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
February 9, 2016

Attendees: Chair Kuechle, Supervisor Wicker, Supervisor Loewen, Zoning Administrator Froehling, Clerk/Treasurer Hunt, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Joe Hendricks Carol, Lois, and Louis Lenzemeier and residents residing on or near 7310 150th Street (See signature list attached).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kuechle with the pledge to the flag.

Planning and Zoning meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Board meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

Supervisor Wicker made a correction to the January 12, Board meeting minutes changing the March meeting date from March 1, to March 2. Motion by Supervisors Wicker/Loewen to approve the January 12th Board meeting minutes with correction. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Six (6) claims were presented for approval and payment for the month of January in the amount of \$33,382.49 (see claims list attached). Receipts for January totaled \$51,621.99. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Wicker to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit and pay claims as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the upcoming 2017 budget and levy reporting for 2017. Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Wicker to adopt the 2017 budget and set levy at \$627,300. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Liquor License:

Kimball Golf Course and Pearl Lake Recreation Club Beer License Consent forms: Motion by Supervisors Wicker/Loewen to approve Consent Forms for both entities. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Meeting/Fire Protection Contracts: The Annual Meeting and Fire Protection Contracts were discussed. The Fire Services Contract between the City of Kimball and Maine Prairie Township was reviewed. The contract is up for renewal for a ten (10) year term. Clerk Hunt to contact Atty Couri to see if Maine Prairie Township would be better served with a shorter term contract. More discussion to follow at the March 2nd meeting.

Resolution/Revocation of County Highways to Townships: Resolution for the Stearns County Board of Commissioners to receive Township approval for county roads to be turned

back to Townships was discussed. Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Wicker to endorse this Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

Caesar Larson: Mr. Larson was present to give facts and answer any questions concerning the proposed livestock facility to be located at 7310-150th St. (along 73rd Avenue). This 2500 unit facility will house farrowing sows brought in as gilts, offspring would leave at about three (3) weeks old. Larson assured residents that good things can come with a livestock facility. Larson also assured residents that location of the site will be positioned with respect to neighbors, and that criteria will be imposed on them to protect against concerns the public eluded. The Board informed residents that feedlots are under the jurisdiction of the County and a public hearing at the County will be held to address questions and concerns.

Old Business:

Snow Plowing Quotes: One snow plowing quote opened at 8:15 p.m. was received from Hendricks Sand & Gravel, Inc. After Board review, motion by Supervisors Wicker/Loewen to award Hendricks Sand & Gravel the snow plowing contract for 2016. All in favor, motion carried.

Roads Standards Policy: Deputy Clerk Robinson presented Draft #1 and Draft #2 Roads Standards Policy. Clerk Hunt to present Draft #1 to Atty Couri and seek guidance in establishing a simple Road Standards Policy.

2016 Road Maintenance Quotes: The Township will be soliciting quotes for blading/shoulder reclaiming, right-of-way mowing, and gravel hauling road maintenance services. Quotes to be returned or presented at the March 2nd Board meeting for opening. Clerk Hunt will publish notice in the Tri-County News on February 18 and February 25.

Discussion Items:

Public Hearing regarding amendments to Stearns County Subdivision Ord. #230 – Tuesday, March 1.

Board of Appeals April 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Stearns County Township Day at the Capital-April 4, 2016.

March Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Supervisor Wicker to contact Lee Bautch regarding Maine Prairie Township/Luxemburg Township shared road agreement.

There being no further business, motion by Supervisors Loewen/Wicker to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Lori Hunt
Clerk/Treasurer

